



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 5912

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Offered by:

REP. MINER, 66<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 6543

File No. 253

Cal. No. 227

**"AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS  
INSURANCE UNDERWRITING BASED ON BREED OF DOG."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 22-357 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

5 If any dog does any damage to either the body or property of any  
6 person, the owner or keeper, or, if the owner or keeper is a minor, the  
7 parent or guardian of such minor, [shall] may be liable for such  
8 damage, except [when] such owner, keeper, parent or guardian shall  
9 not be liable if such damage [has been] was occasioned to the body or  
10 property of a person who, at the time such damage was sustained, was  
11 committing a trespass or other tort, or was teasing, tormenting or  
12 abusing such dog. If a minor, on whose behalf an action under this  
13 section is brought, was under seven years of age at the time the  
14 damage was done, it shall be presumed that such minor was not  
15 committing a trespass or other tort, or teasing, tormenting or abusing

16 such dog, and the burden of proof thereof shall be upon the defendant  
17 in such action."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	22-357